

WAR! WAR!

War has been declared between Russia and Japan!

Waronker Brothers, of Lutesville, Missouri,

Have declared war to demoralize all competition. Japan is firing on Russia torpedo shells, and Waronker Bros. are firing with low CUT PRICES on all competition.

COME AT ONCE and benefit on account of the Great War!

SPECIAL OFFER

to Ladies and Misses.

Will begin Thursday, Feb. 25, and will close Saturday, Mar. 12, 9 p.m. No. 1, with every \$5 purchase we will give 1 beautiful engraved China milk piteher and 1 beautiful engraved China dish. No. 2, with every \$6 purchase we will give 1 beautiful night lamp. No. 3, with every \$7 purchase we will give 1 beautiful glass set. No. 4, with every \$8 purchase we will give 1 pair beautiful vases. No. 5, with every \$9 purchase we will give 3 beautiful decorated China teacups and saucers. No. 6, with every \$10 purchase we will give 1 ladies' best silk umbrella.

SPECIAL OFFER

for Men and Boys.

No. 1, with every \$5 purchase we will give 1 Pat. match safe. No. 2, with every \$6 purchase we will give 1 rolled gold watch chain. No. 3, with every \$7 purchase we will give 1 beautiful China mustache cup and saucer. No. 4 with every \$8 purchase we will give 2 blade handsome pocket knife. No. 5, with every \$9 purchase we will give 1 men's 16 size watch, nickel plated. No. 6, with every \$10 purchase we will give a beautiful gent's silk umbrella.

Our stock is most complete. We just received a new and up to date SPRING STOCK of all merchandise, such as: Dry Goods, Dress Goods, Waistings, Mercerized Gingham, Lawns, Percales, Embroideries, Laces, Yoking, Silks, Velvets, in fact, anything and everything that your heart may desire in that line. The biggest line of SHOES for men, women, boys, misses and children in Southeast Missouri, from the cheapest to the best. We handle Dittman's O. K. brand and Brown's Star 5 Star only. We are the Kings of Clothing, can fit all sizes, all shapes, all styles, all colors, all pocket books. Our gent's furnishing stock is the most complete in the county. In men's and boys' hats we will give special inducements, call and see. We also handle Groceries, Tinware, Queensware, Glassware, etc.

For Clover come and see us, as we handle nothing but the best. Don't forget sale with above offerings will only last from Feb. 25 to March 12, 1904. Look for the BARGAIN STORE in Revell's old stand next to the Postoffice.

WARONKER BROS'

Men and Boys' Clothing made to order and we guarantee to fit or refund you the money. Just received one car load of Pottery and will start same at a sweep. Note: We have a small lot of Winter Goods on hand which we sacrifice at any price.

Gar Printing Co., allowed \$56.30 for stationery furnished county. Standard Printing Co., allowed \$175.41 for stationery furnished county. G. D. Barnard allowed \$38 for stationery furnished county.

J. A. Taylor allowed \$160 salary and \$10.79 for office supplies. E. J. Deek allowed \$27 for services as deputy sheriff.

Hill & Chandler allowed \$17.70 for briefs furnished county attorney in cases of state vs. S. M. McAnally on appeal. Case of Thomas Hargrave continued until Friday, February 26, 1904. Order, adjourn until Feb. 26, 1904.

Our Correspondents,

Sedgewickville.

Ice, ice! Nothing but ice! Valentines are still on the go. Dr. R. D. Blaylock attended court in St. Louis part of last week. "Uncle Stuffle" Masters has been on the puny list for some time, but is better at this writing.

Walter Seabough and Miss Myrtle Drum attended the closing exercises of the Seabough school last Saturday. They report a nice time. W. S. Smith is quite busy these days, shoeing horses. The icy weather makes business for the blacksmith, anyhow.

John Masters has been quite sick the past week, but is reported better.

Some of the citizens of our little town were alarmed a few days ago by the cry of fire; but it proved to be nothing more serious than the burning of brush in a clearing near town, belonging to C. C. Hanners.

Walter Seabough was down in the vicinity of Trinity last Sunday. I haven't learned particulars.

B. F. Seabough will close a successful term of school in the Bollinger district next Friday.

I understand that the state factory on Whitewater has started work for a short time.

Lee Cook of near Patton visited a friend here Saturday evening and Sunday.

John W. Trickey has one of the finest milk cows in this burg. He believes in good stock.

Success to THE PRESS and its many readers.

A LOCAL OPTIONIST.

The recent ice did much damage to fruit trees and timber.

W. V. Froman is working at the fruit tree business.

Charley May is working at the stove factory on Clubb's Creek.

The Baptist church at this place is going down. Say, fellows, let's get together and have preaching here one Sunday each month anyhow.

Earl Brewer is setting out about 30 acres in fruit trees.

Our school at Sylvan Ridge closed Saturday. The patrons of the school came in, a fine dinner was served and a general good time was had.

The only drawback was that a few of the boys had too much "old booze" and tried to kick up a disturbance. It certainly looks very small for young men to get drunk and swear, and try to fight in the presence of ladies and children.

Boys do better next time. Prof. Charley Ford was our teacher.

A brother-in-law of Mr. Brewer came down from the southern part of Dakota on a visit recently.

Dr. Dyball, who recently bought the Richard Baker place is still buying land here. He seems to like this place all right.

Miss May Brewer recently closed a successful term of school in the Seiler district and is back home again.

The Johnson school closed Friday. Prof. Melvin Shelton was the teacher and we understand the patrons are well pleased with the school he taught.

James H. Johnson is buying walnut timber.

We need a sawmill on our creek badly.

Nick Null is moving back on the old home farm.

Soon be time for the women to make soap and set the old hen.

A READER.

Lodge.

Health is not so good now. Clay Minter has had a severe attack of measles, but is able to be around again. There are several other cases of measles in this vicinity.

Dr. Smith of Glen Allen is waiting on Joseph Miller, who is sick. Trace Creek school closed last Friday. Alonzo Moore was the teacher and the patrons are well pleased with his work.

Misses Alzada Miller and Cora Sample, pupils of W. M. College, attended the closing exercises of the Trace Creek school.

I hear of one man in this vicinity who is going to vote "wet."

Mr. "Echo" of Fillmore objects to local option on the grounds of expenses, and positively asserts that it will not do what its advocates claim for it. Now let's see about expenses: Let Mr. "Echo" examine the records of the county and see what the criminal costs amount to in the last ten or fifteen years and he will find that holding this election is only a drop in the bucket. I do not claim that all the criminal expense is caused by the sale of intoxicants, but I do claim that the most expensive cases the county has had, was caused by intoxicants.

Not only that, but it has caused some of our best men to lose their lives; and what of the criminal? His fate is worse than death! As to local option not doing what its advocates claim for it, if the laws are enforced it will do that very thing.

I think Mr. "Echo" is mistaken on all his propositions. I believe the good people of Fillmore township will roll up a good majority against the sale of Old Boozie.

Best wishes to THE PRESS and its many readers.

Zalma.

(Too late for last week.)

Mrs. E. S. Carter of Caruthersville and Miss Mollie Fischer of Marble Hill visited Mrs. J. A. Slagle last Sunday.

Henry Gaines returned from Fredericktown and concluded to spend the remainder of his life in our peaceful midst; so he purchased the property of L. Barrett and moved into the same.

A boy was born February 2nd to Mr. and Mrs. Adam Key.

Mrs. Dora Burford spent a few days here with relatives last week.

John and Mrs. Burrow of Brownwood visited relatives here last Friday.

Sheriff A. C. King had business here last Saturday.

Mrs. Henry James and children were visiting at Brownwood last week.

Three children of Joe Helton are down with measles.

The wife of L. Barrett is recovering from an attack of pneumonia.

B. H. Bollinger and John King shipped a car load of hogs to St. Louis last Tuesday.

A special school meeting was called by the board of directors to be held the 29th instant to vote on continuance of school term.

An exhibition and exercises by pupils is intended to take place on the last day of school, next month, unless it be continued.

Umpf James was on the sick list last week, but is able to be out.

Dan McGee of Cape Girardeau was here last Saturday looking after his farming interests.

Calvin Brown has moved back to town and in the brick house known as Bay Gable.

Several of B. H. Bollinger's family are sick with grip and pneumonia, but are improving at last report.

All our mills and factories seem to be doing good business, and run on full time. All merchants report that trade has been lively, in fact this is getting to be one of the best trade towns in the county.

Harry Wendland of Beechwood, Ill., and Miss Maude Smith of Iowa Falls, Ia., are to be married March 18. Harry was formerly a Zalma boy and this item will, doubtless, interest his old friends here.

C. Cook.

Health generally good in this vicinity.

We are having some very rough and unpleasant weather just now.

Tilden Neiswonger of near Miller-ville was in this vicinity on business Saturday.

Van Estes made a trip to Lutesville for our merchant, H. B. Cole, Saturday.

Miss Kate Cook of Dunklin county has been visiting relatives in this vicinity for several days.

A gentleman representing the P. Hayden Saddlery Company of St. Louis passed thru here Friday.

Henry Lincoln was flourishing the yard stick, for our merchant Saturday.

Hex Chostner of near Patton was in this vicinity Saturday.

Francis Stevens made a trip to Brunsfordville Friday.

Messrs. Jacob N. Cook and S. E. Dewhitt were at the county seat on business the first of the week.

Francis Bridges purchased a fine young mule from James Ellis of near Patton recently.

Miss Lillie Limbaugh of near Sedgewickville, accompanied by several of her pupils, attended the closing exercises of our school Saturday.

Miss Lillie has the honor of having taught the first school in our

Bargains for You!

—ON—

ALL WINTER GOODS:

We want to close out the remainder of our stock of Men's Suits, Overcoats and heavy Pants, heavy Underwear; Ladies' Jackets and Winter Hats.

Men's \$13 & \$14 Suits for	\$9.50	\$1.25 & 1.50 Fine All Wool Underwear for	.95
" 12 " " "	8.50	Ladies Hats in Latest Styles and Good Qualities.	
" 9 & 10 " " "	7.00	\$4.75 Hats for	\$3.00
" 7 & 8 " " "	5.00	4.00 " " "	2.50
" 5.50 & 6.50 " " "	4.00	3.25 and 3.50 Hats for	2.00
" \$10.00 & \$11.00 Overcoats	\$7.00	2.25 " 2.50 " " "	1.50
" 9.00 " " "	6.00	1.75 " 2.00 " " "	1.00
" 6.50 " " "	4.50		
Heavy \$3 and \$3.50 Pants	\$2.25		
" 2.25 & 2.50 " " "	1.50		
" 1.50 Knit Coats	.98		

The prices quoted in first columns are our regular selling prices, all marked in plain figures and every article is well worth the money and as cheap as you will find elsewhere, but we must close them out, and in order to do so quickly, have made the prices as above stated.

Your money back on any article with which you may not be satisfied. Come and see us for anything you want in General Merchandise of any kind. We want your poultry and eggs, fashers, furs, hides, etc.

RESPECTFULLY,

Taylor Mercantile Co., Marble Hill, Mo.

Announcements.

For Judge of the Circuit Court.

HON. ROBERT A. ANTHONY, tho present incumbent, authorizes us to announce his candidacy for Judge of the Twenty-seventh Judicial Circuit, subject to the action of the democracy.

HON. JERRY B. BURKS, authorizes us to announce his candidacy for Judge of the Twenty-seventh Judicial Circuit, subject to the action of the democracy.

MADISON county will vote on local option March 8.

DEMOCRATS in Madison county will have their primary election on May 21.

THE democrats in Stoddard county will have their primary election to nominate county candidates August 6.

NOTICE the committee call elsewhere in this issue and if you are a member, make it a point to attend the meeting.

THE democratic central committee of Cape county has called a primary election to nominate county candidates, April 30. Resolutions were passed endorsing Folk for governor.

THE judicial committee meeting held at Bismarck last Thursday ordered a primary, to be held on the day set for the congressional primary—May 21—to nominate a candidate for judge of the Circuit court.

THE war news so far, has all been favorable to Japs. That they have had much the advantage in the naval engagements seems certain, but Japan was better prepared and the Russians may turn the tide on land. However the Japs will give them a warm scrap.

Local Option.

In view of the fact that Bollinger county is shortly to vote upon the saloon question, and believing as I do in the temperance cause, I am led to say a few things in behalf of local option. I hope in this and next week's papers to set forth some reasons why this county should vote "dry" upon this important question. This week I shall confine my remarks to the moral side of the question, and if permitted to prepare an article next week, will consider the following subjects: "The saloon and the blind tiger" and "Does the saloon pay?"

My first and most important reason, why the liquor business should not be legalized, is that it is wrong, absolutely wrong, for there are no good things to be said in its behalf. Everybody takes the position that the illegal sale of liquor is wrong, but the idea enters the mind of some that legalizing the business makes it right, equal with other business. This is not true. If it is wrong for a man to sell liquor without a dramshop license, it is wrong to sell it with a license. It isn't wrong for a man to sell boots and shoes without a license, neither does the license change the business. Licensing a business is the government giving a man a right to do that business. If a man could get a right or a license to steal he would likely enter into the business but the license would not make the act right. A license doesn't restrict any business but rather gives the proprietor of the business the liberty to do business with everybody and his license assures him the protection of the law. The license system

is the government's plan of raising revenue and the higher the license, the poorer the estimate placed upon the business by the government.

We are led to form conclusions as to the good or bad properties of a thing by the results it produces. Therefore, to ascertain if the saloon is right or wrong, we must consider the results. Scientists everywhere agree that liquor, to a large extent, destroys the brain cells of him who drinks it and therefore greatly reduces him more nearly to the level of the lower animals, for to take away man's ability to reason reduces him to a brute. The effect of liquor on the physical nature of man is equal to its effect upon the mental, changing the strong man to a physical wreck, who is no longer able to withstand the ravages of disease. So far the results are bad.

The most effective of all the results of alcoholic liquors is upon the moral nature of him who persists in its use. To prove that alcohol debases a man, we need only to observe a few habitual drinkers. It is through the effect upon the moral nature that the saloon deals its most deadly blow to society. The family is the unit of all society. Follow some drunkard home from the saloon and you see a result illustrated as nowhere else in the world. It is here that we find the most deadly effect. The influence of the saloon upon the family of him who daily visits the saloon is most degrading and demoralizing; absolutely destroying the hopes of the most sanguine by placing them upon a plane in life inferior to that of the family of the abstainer. Alcohol and happiness! How antagonistic are the terms! Who ever heard of the Devil making happy homes? Such a thing is absolutely impossible. God is the source of all happiness. For the saloon to produce happiness in the world is just as impossible as it is for the Devil to make happy homes for it is the Devil's supreme power in the world. How many homes have been wrecked by the saloon! Homes changed from all that home means, all that God would have them be to a most desolate place and happiness is foreign to the vocabulary of the members of that home. Homes where every act was guided by noble ideals and where purity and peace reigned supreme, have been ruined forever by the hated saloon.

How many homes have been so changed in this county under the very observation of those who will be called upon to settle this question by their ballots. I need not point these out for all are familiar with cases where men have been reduced from honorable positions to the most degraded, cases in which homes have been broken up and families made destitute; even cases where the most honest and reliable citizens of our county have been degraded to the most vile and wicked, and even reduced to such straits as to take human life. Alcohol wrecks homes. God declares that the liquor business is wrong and therefore pronounces His judgment against the business and those connected with it. The saloonkeeper is not the only person responsible for the results of his business. To be a keeper one must have something to keep. The saloon keeper keeps his saloon. Who gave him the saloon to keep? The county court. Who gives it the authority to give men saloons? The men who vote for the saloon, and every man who votes for the saloon is equally responsible with the saloonkeeper for the results it creates in the world.

I am surprised at the position many church members and so-called Christians take upon this issue. Some taking the stand that a saloon is preferable to a "blind tiger," and others taking the position that we must have the revenue etc. To say mind there can be no compromise of this question. If the saloon is an evil in the community, and every fair minded man will concede that it is, then it is the duty of the church to fight it in every hand.

As already shown, liquor drinking is

evil, and the amount drunk has nothing to do with the enormity of the act. If it is wrong for a man to drink a gallon, it is equally wrong for him to drink a half gallon. If it is wrong for him to take a quart and he soaks a pint, that is equally wrong. Some men can drink a quart as easily as another can a pint. Then are not each equally responsible? If it takes a quart to make a man full and he takes a pint, he's one half drunk; and if four drinks fill his boiler and he lets in one, he's just one fourth drunk. God's curse on drunkards is that none shall enter heaven. JOHN F. WINTERS.

County Court Proceedings.

FEBRUARY TERM, 1904.

(Continued from last week.) Bond of Banner Printing Company approved.

Account of Dr. Hindman for treating Frank Pierce for smallpox, refused.

Application of John A. Bess for swamp land patent refused.

Court refuses to pay inquest fees for inquest held before Esq. E. Kinder.

Account of Emanuel Kinder of \$9.65 for care of Joe Renison continued.

Account of C. M. Johnson for \$32.50 for care of Joe Renison continued.

Gilbert Stiles allowed \$27.38 for care of smallpox patients.

Mary Wilson allowed \$8 for immediate relief.

Christopher Allers and J. K. Smith ordered subpoenaed in Thomas Hargrave case.

Petition in behalf of Mary Wilson continued to next term of court.

Dr. C. M. Witmer allowed \$28.60 for medical attention to Joe Renison.

J. W. Sample allowed \$1.95 for money expended for office supplies.

The following is the petit jurors drawn for the March term of Circuit Court:

Lorance Township—William Day, Wesley Baker, C. W. Rhoads, H. Buhler, A. J. Zimmerman and Martin Vandorn.

Wayne Township—George King, Dan Corbin, Dan Fish and W. A. Portlock.

Fillmore Township—Peter James and Henry Haines.

Crooked Creek Township—J. W. Talbot and Edward Shell.

Union Township—C. N. Dennis and C. B. Starkey.

W. F. Townshend—Eugene Miller and A. B. Dole.

German Township—J. A. Stroder and John A. Hedrick.

Liberty Township—Isaac Ford, Theo. Holzun, Minor Deek and John A. Pickett.

A. C. Sample allowed \$2 for returning poll-books from Greenbrier last election.

Abstract of fees collected by Sam J. McMinin approved.

Sam J. McMinin allowed \$20.38 for fees and office supplies.

A. C. King allowed \$42 for services as sheriff.

Fee bill of \$32.75 allowed in case of state vs. Ed. Zoleman.

Fee bill of \$31.20 allowed in case of state vs. Louis Mattox.

Steven Prather allowed \$4 for burial clothes furnished N. Revelle.

A. P. Crader allowed \$4 for serving subpoenas in Hargrave case.

School fund bond of S. E. Conrad for loan of \$225 approved.

School fund bond of J. H. Reutzel for loan of \$1300 approved.

Louis Mayer allowed \$1.25 for work on courthouse and jail windows.

J. V. Slinkard allowed \$151.90 for salary and money expended for office.

Two-thirds of money derived from dram shop license to road district No. 8, approved.

B. J. James allowed \$51.15 salary as judge.

T. W. Cooper allowed \$51 salary as judge.

J. P. Limbaugh \$51.20 salary as judge.

C. M. WITMER, Pres't. F. M. WELLS, Cashier. U. D. RHODES, Assistant Cashier. GEO. E. CLARK, 1st Vice-Pres't. ROBERT DRUM, 2nd Vice-Pres't.

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